

# **Is there room in your heart for a foster child? Consider foster/adoptive parenting**

**For more information, contact:  
1-800-554-2222 or  
Your local Children's Division Office**

## **Foster Care—Not Ready Yet, But Want To Help?**

*♥Speak positively about foster care♥Donate a membership to a swimming pool♥Start a scholarship fund♥Help with the distribution of recruitment materials♥Donate gift certificates for a foster family movie night♥Invite foster children over to spend time with farm animals♥Donate Christmas ornaments♥Speak positively about your local Children's Division♥Donate stuffed animals for children entering foster care♥Bake cookies with a foster child♥Offer to buy a foster child a new pair of glasses♥Ask a local church to help promote foster parenting♥Donate a new coat for a foster child♥Donate toys or activities for the visitation room at the local Children's Division office♥Buy a new pair of shoes for a foster child starting school♥Donate nice clothes♥Have a baby shower for a baby in foster care and donate the gifts to your local Children's Division♥Teach a foster child how to knit♥Contact Children's Division during the holidays to see how you can help♥Offer to buy a class ring for a child in foster care♥Contact your local state representative or senator to discuss the needs of foster children♥Offer to buy uniforms or equipment for foster child involved in activities, such as cheerleading or other sports♥Donate fingernail polish, makeup, or earrings for a girl in foster care♥Buy a scout uniform for a foster child♥Donate baby food♥Provide respite care♥Donate gift certificate for a haircut♥Offer to help at a local giving tree during the holidays♥Donate laundry detergent to a foster family♥Donate a gift certificate to a local restaurant for a foster family night out to eat♥Offer to teach farming or another vocation to a foster child♥Have a luggage drive to collect luggage or backpacks for children in foster care♥Donate bedding♥Donate gift certificate for a girl in foster care to have her hair and nails done at prom time♥Provide tutoring or mentoring♥Donate yarn♥Buy a prom dress for a girl in foster care♥Donate underwear or socks♥Teach computer skills to a foster child♥Buy a yearbook for a foster child♥Donate a musical instrument to a foster child in a school band♥Thank a foster parent for their hard work helping children♥Donate money to a local foster parent support group♥Donate disposable diapers♥Provide valentines, cupcakes, or Halloween candy for a foster child to distribute at school on special occasions♥Send flowers to a foster parent♥Provide piano or guitar lessons for a child in foster care♥Donate children's books to a foster family or to the Children's Division visitation room♥Offer to pay for summer camp for a foster child♥Offer to provide transportation to church or family visits for a foster child♥Donate school supplies♥Provide simple jobs for a foster child to complete to earn money♥Suggest a location for a foster parent training class♥Offer to pay little league or other athletic fees♥Have a "birthday party" for a child in foster care and donate the gifts to Children's Division♥Knit mittens and caps♥Donate clothes and other items purchased at clearance sales♥Help renovate and repair the visitation room at your local Children's Division office♥Donate hygiene items, such as toothbrushes, deodorant, and hair care supplies♥Offer to buy school pictures for a child in foster care♥Donate phone cards so that foster children can stay in touch with family members♥Donate toys, games, or books to be given to biological family members upon reunification with their biological children*